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In Re Application of:

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Serial No.: Continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/418,794, filed October 15, 1999

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For: **STRUCTURE FOR ADJUSTING LENGTH OF ORNAMENT CHAINS**

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Hon. Commissioner of
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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This communication is in response to the outstanding Office Action dated September 12, 2000 in connection the parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/418,794, filed October 15, 1999. Consideration of the following arguments and remarks is request prior to examination of the above-identified Continuation-in-Part application on the merits.